

THE MESSAGE

THURSDAY, MAY 21, 1903

HAPPENED AND HAPPENING.

The City Council has decided on the building of the north side sewer.

An Italian orchestra has been giving musical exhibitions in this city of late.

Mrs. E. A. Ellis moved from Mexico this week "out home" near Skinner.

Mrs. A. W. Fish is the general manager of a dramatic club lately organized in this city.

The heavy wind the other night got that fine apple tree—loaded with fruit—for L. T. Shootman.

Mrs. Matt. Heizer of this city for several weeks has been nursing her friend, Mrs. Chas. Peterson of Vandalia who has been very ill.

A saloon keeper was shot and instantly killed in St. Louis last Sunday. He disputed with another man over a bill for whiskey.

Dr. J. B. Hawkins of this city will preach at Strother, Monroe county, next Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock and Sunday morning following.

Major R. E. Wilkerson, connected with the Missouri Military Academy for the past two years, has accepted a position with a Military School at Alton, Ill.

Frank R. Beck of this city has bought a produce business at Exeter, Mo., and will move his family there in a few days. We hope they may greatly prosper in their new home.

The St. Louis Transit railway company will have two suits in the Audrain county court next term. They are damage cases against said company, brought here by change of venue.

Rev. J. E. Shores, of Fayette, attended the dedication services of the new Methodist church in this city last Sunday. Rev. Shores was pastor of the old M. E. church at the close of the war.

Wm. J. Black lost a fine mare from his pasture, either strayed or stolen, last Saturday night. She is a bay, 15½ hands high, weighs 1,000 pounds, heavy mane and tail, sore on left shoulder. He offers reward for her return.

Isaac Dyer tells us that he has a Jersey-Pol Angus cow which for 3 years has not missed a milking; has raised two calves during that period and will soon be fresh the third time but is now giving three gallons of milk a day. Ike would be rich if he had a dozen cows like that.

Account elsewhere in this paper of that G. W. Preacher at Sturgeon being struck by lightning and having his clothes torn off, and he is still living. His name is evidently George Washington Preacher—never told a lie and is a good Preacher.

Mayor E. E. Jones has declared for the rightful enforcement of the Sunday law in Mexico. Some merchants are accused of keeping open and selling goods the same as any other day in the week. The police were instructed to double vigilance last Sunday.

Prof. R. G. Hale of Fulton told us of a battle with a robber by a posse of five men at Millersburg, in Callaway county, last Sunday night. The robber entered the postoffice at about 10 o'clock and lighted a lamp and his presence there was made known to "the committee of safety." The committee, heavily armed, marched in on the robber, but Mr. Robber returned their greeting with five shots from his pistol, and L. T. Carr fell with a bullet in his leg. The citizens fired thirty shots but the robber escaped. He stole a farmer's horse and rode out of the country.

SUICIDED.

Took Strychnine—Carried It in Her Stocking.

Mrs. Mary Miller, living a couple of miles east of Laddonia, this county, is dead from a dose of strychnine. It happened Monday forenoon, and soon Coroner Macfarlane of this city was notified, who went to the Miller home but who did not think it necessary to hold an inquest.

It seems that the woman had been in ill health and became melancholy. She had told a colored neighbor several times that she intended to poison herself and that she had the poison in her stocking; bought it under the pretense that she wished to kill rats.

Deceased was a widow, aged about 50, and resided with her 14 year old daughter, Rosa. She owned the farm on which they lived and had money out at interest, albeit she was a busy, energetic woman not unacquainted with the toil of farm life.

I have leased the Harrison brick plant and will be ready to deliver pressed or hand-made brick by June 1.

C. Ed Harrison.

Neighborly Neighbors

Mrs. J. W. McCubbin of Laddonia visited Mexico relatives last week.

Hon. Norman J. Colman of St. Louis visited Mexico friends last week.

Robert Johnson and wife are spending a few days at Hot Springs.

J. M. Ball of this city visited his son, X. P. Ball, at Rush Hill last week.

L. Philip attended the State meeting of Odd Fellows at Warrensburg this week.

Miss Ella Tripplett of near Gant is home from a visit to relatives at Nardin, Oklahoma.

J. B. Botkin and wife attended the State G. A. R. Encampment held at Boonville last week.

Mrs. J. G. Trimble of Kansas City is visiting her parents here, Capt. and Mrs. J. C. Buckner.

W. A. Douglass of this city returned last week from a five weeks absence looking after his farm down near Venice.

W. H. Turner and family entertained Mrs. George Brown, Mrs. Forrest and Mr. and Mrs. Smith, all of Clark, last Sunday.

Mrs. J. L. Conklin and children of Nardin, Oklahoma, are visiting Mrs. Conklin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tripplett, near Gant.

Lockridge Steele, holding a responsible position with a railroad company in St. Louis, visited his sister here this week, Miss Loua Steele.

Miss Christina Azdell of Wells-ville visited her brother's family here last week, George Azdell. She is visiting at Laddonia at present.

W. M. Jones of Ely, Marion county, visited his old friend here last week, Mr. John Tompkins. These two old men were raised together over in the old country, England.

Our excellent young friend Wiley Atkins invites us down to his haunts near Worcester for a squirrel hunt and romp in the woods. Going, too, if we can make arrangements.

Mr. Frank Skelly and sister, Miss Gertrude, and Beniah Snook of near Littleby Methodist church, attended the dedication services of the new Methodist church in this city last Sunday and were the guests of John Beal and family.

Prof. R. G. Hale, one of Callaway's progressive teachers, well remembered among the teachers of Audrain also, made the MESSAGE a pleasant call last Saturday. He is a brother-in-law of Judge Heaton, in the east end of the county, and was on his way to visit the Judge and his family. Mrs. Heaton has been quite sick for several weeks.

SHE'S A HEROINE.

An Audrain Lady Saves the Wreck of a Train.

The Fulton Sun first printed the following story:

On Monday morning early the passenger train en route from Fulton to Mexico, was saved from what might have resulted in a serious accident by the thoughtfulness of Miss Maggie Crane. Miss Crane, in crossing the tracks near the Butler Guthrie fruit farm, a short distance this side of Mexico, discovered that a rail was broken, fearing that an accident might happen to the passenger train which was nearly due, she walked up the track a considerable distance and when the train came along gave the danger signal. The train was brought to a standstill. The trainmen examined the damaged rail and the train was taken across the break slowly in order to prevent the possibility of an accident. The trainmen and passengers are loud in their praise of the presence of mind of Miss Crane, for by her prompt action some of their lives were possibly saved, and other damage prevented. It is understood that the officials of the Chicago & Alton railroad will take official recognition of Miss Crane's act.

Death's Doings.

The 9 months old daughter of Jason Powell of Farber died one day last week.

Buying and Selling.

John Renie bought a span of mules this week, paying above \$300.

J. W. Brewer sold to H. E. C. Tucker of Perry a fancy team of horses for \$375.

R. B. Buckner at Auxvasse last week bought 81 head of mules from Jack Muir, paying \$6,400 for the drove.

Cupid's Captures

Mr. Richard Waddington and Miss Julia Hildebrand, both of Benton City, are licensed to marry.

Judge Botts, W. W. Botts—Audrain's Probate Judge—is now a married man. He slipped off to Vandalia first of the week and was wedded to Mrs. Crete Rose of that city. He has married a lady who is a jewel of a woman, and the MESSAGE congratulates them both. They are on a wedding tour to Chicago and other points east.

Cards are out announcing the coming marriage of Prof. George A. Ross, Vice-president of Hardin College, to Miss Mabelle Hathaway, to be celebrated next Wednesday at 11:00 o'clock, at the Presbyterian church in this city, Rev. A. A. Wallace officiating, Rev. H. E. Truex assisting. The bridal couple will leave for a visit at Stanberry and St. Joseph and then a trip to Washington, D. C., New York City and Boston.

The county court will hold a special session next Monday.

Two cases against the Wabash railroad for damages to stock, one brought by W. B. White and the other by J. B. Bartee comes from Sturgeon by change of venue to be tried in the Audrain Circuit Court.

Harry Johnson, who has been with the Burlington surveyors for the new cut-off railroad for some time, called at the office Tuesday. He was here to learn regarding the construction contracts for the road to be let at Chicago.

President C. M. Williams of the Ladies' College at Liberty, Mo., was robbed the other day. Later he received a letter from the burglar in which was enclosed a note for \$300 and a check for \$50 that were taken with the \$122 in money. The letter was very polite and well worded. The man said he hoped Mr. Williams was not feeling badly over his loss and that he made it a rule always to return articles that he could not use. The professor was advised to "cheer up" and look at the bright side of life. The letter was mailed in Kansas City and signed "The Gentleman Burglar."

ANOTHER RAILROAD.

Audrain Again in the Game—Comes to Mexico.

Jefferson City, May 18.—The St. Louis & St. Paul Railroad Co., with a capital stock of 1 million dollars, was chartered this morning by the secretary of state. The stockholders are Sam F. Scott of Kansas City, T. S. Ridge, W. C. Picking, R. D. Kathrens and A. C. Kinnead, also of Kansas City. The new road is to extend from the north line of Scotland county, thru the counties of Scotland, Knox, Shelby, Monroe and Audrain, a distance of 150 miles. It will be a north and south line from St. Louis to St. Paul.

Jefferson City, Mo., May 18.—Articles of incorporation were issued this morning by secretary of state Sam B. Cook to the St. Louis and St. Paul railroad company of Kansas City. The company is capitalized at one million and proposes to build a railroad 100 miles in length, begin ning at the north line of Scotland county and running in a southerly direction to Mexico in Audrain county.

The Art Levee at Hardin College to day will attract thither large numbers of our people.

J. C. Wilkins has bought the Samuel Turner residence in the south part of this city and will improve it and make it home.

Mayor James B. Reeds, Kansas City, will deliver an address before the graduating class of the Mexico High School at the opera house to-night.

The motion for rehearing in the Copeland case against the Wabash railroad was passed upon the Supreme Court at Jefferson City this week. The railroad is beaten again.

Frank James was at La Plata recently and he had some interesting comments on the battle of Centralia and subsequent events. He said he and his guerrilla band were so exhausted after the fight that if the Union soldiers at Sturgeon, which town they passed thru, had tried they might have caught them. "And been in the fix of the fellow that caught the bear," said a bystander. "Of course," Frank replied, "we would have fought as long as we could but they would have had an immense advantage over us in having fresh horses, and they might have got away with us." James learned that a Union survivor of the Centralia fight, Calvin Round, lived near La Plata, and he hunted him up and shook hands with him. Round explained that he got away by hiding in a corn shock. Frank assured him he was glad of it, and wished he could bring back to life all who died on that bloody day.

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MAY 20 TO 23.

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CLASS DAY EXERCISES

MEXICO HIGH SCHOOL.

President. Musical Director. Standard Bearer. Clyde Ellis. Alice Norris. Esther Long.

Programme.

PART I.

1. Overture - National Airs Class Band.
2. Opening Address The President.
3. Class Song - "The Jolly Seniors", [Arr. from H. Zeckel 1903.]
4. Class Poem - Historical Sketch Edith Etheridge.
5. Oration - "The Perpetuity of Government" Itt Turley.
6. Class Will May Offutt
7. Music - The Favorites Class Band.
8. Prophetess - From the Cumean Sibyl Eva Tuttle.
9. Declamation - A Patriotic Paraphrase Jeter Crews.
10. Instrumental - Quartette, "On a [Moonlight Winter's Night," Powell Violin, Cecile Weimer; Guitar, Ada Bryar; Mandolin, Hal Daniel; Pianist, Estelle Boatman.
11. Presentation of Souvenir Spoons to Junior [Class Frances Mason. Response, William Cross, Pres. Class '04.
12. Cornet Solo Cecil Cohoon.
13. Recitation - "Kitty Clare, Arr. [from Frankfort Moore Floyd Blattner.

PART II.

14. Drill and Tableau - "The Indian [Huntresses] Martha Garrett, Flemma Snidow, Estelle Boatman, Beatrice Tucker, Bess Powell, Anna Miller, Elizabeth Price, Sara Donnelly.
15. Farce - "A Shakespearian Conference Shylock, Cecil Cohoon; Romeo, Minor Botts; Macbeth, Walker Burns; Hamlet, Clyde Ellis; Cleopatra, Cecile Weimer; Juliet, Ruby Ritchie; Lady Macbeth, Rosamond Guthrie; Desdemona, Lucy Meade Allen; Miss Cawder—One of the Witches from Macbeth, Mary Gill.

While you are in town for the big show have your eyes tested by Dr. A. C. White.

Guess we'll have to have that new railroad from the north yet; see news item elsewhere in this paper. The road should be a great thing for this town and the portion of Audrain north of us.

Dr. White has cured a great many cases of headache and other troubles caused from eye strains, and can cure you. Give him a call. Office over Morris & Abbey's store, east side square, Mexico, Mo.

Mayor Dingle of Moberly umpired a game of ball on Sunday between the Mexico and Moberly teams. Dingle has been sharply criticised for the act, and admits now that he should not have done it.

The Mokane Herald says: Elder

Guy Ferguson, who had been at Antioch, Audrain county, for several days conducting a series of meetings in the Christian church at that place, returned home Wednesday.

Died south of Centralia at Cid Faucetts, Maria Bratton, aged about 75 years.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that letters of administration upon the estate of Martiles Hybe, deceased, have been granted the undersigned by the Probate Court of the county of Audrain, bearing date of May 16, 1903. All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to me for allowance, within one year after the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate; and if such claims be not exhibited within two years from the time of the publication of this notice they will be forever barred.

NOBLE BARNES, Administrator.